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*Dear producers and other data users:*

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## Mid-Year Acreage Highlights

As of June 1, Nebraska corn growers planted 8.0 million acres in 2003, down 5 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2001. An estimated 7.65 million acres will be harvested for grain, an increase of 4 percent from 2002. Nebraska soybean producers planted 4.7 million acres, unchanged from the previous year and equal to the second highest of record, but 5 percent below the record high of 4.95 million set in 2001. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.8 million acres, up 9 percent from a year earlier and the largest acreage in four years.

Sorghum growers planted 650,000 acres for all purposes, up 44 percent from last year, and 18 percent above 2001, and the largest total in five years. Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 1.45 million acres, is up 7 percent from last year while other types of hay cut are down 3 percent. Oats planted at 195,000 acres are up 11 percent from 2002. Dry edible bean producers planted 160,000 acres, down 14 percent from a year earlier. Sugar beet plantings of 39,800 acres are down 30 percent from 2002.

### Crop Summary: Acres Planted and Harvested, Nebraska and United States, 2001-2003

Crop	Nebraska				United States			
	2001	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2001	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>				<i>1,000 Acres</i>			
	<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
	Planted Acreage				Planted Acreage			
Corn	8,100	8,400	8,000	95	75,752	79,054	79,066	100
Soybeans	4,950	4,700	4,700	100	74,075	73,758	73,653	100
Sorghum	550	450	650	144	10,252	9,580	9,477	99
Oats	155	175	195	111	4,403	5,005	4,676	93
Proso Millet	190	130	160	123	650	450	630	140
Dry Beans	160	185	160	86	1,435.9	1,922.1	1,511.7	79
Sugar Beets	48.6	57.0	39.8	70	1,370.5	1,427.3	1,362.4	95
Winter Wheat	1,750	1,650	1,800	109	41,078	41,735	44,349	106
Sunflower - Oil	52	45	40	89	2,117	2,125	1,976	93
- Non-oil	30	13	15	115	516	460	348	76
- All	82	58	55	95	2,633	2,585	2,324	90
	Acres for Harvest <sup>1</sup>				Acres for Harvest <sup>1</sup>			
Corn	7,750	7,350	7,650	104	68,808	69,313	71,985	104
Soybeans	4,900	4,580	4,650	102	72,975	72,160	72,681	101
Sorghum	425	300	510	170	8,584	7,299	8,121	111
Oats for Grain	60	55	65	118	1,905	2,098	2,286	109
Proso Millet	180	65	<sup>2</sup>		585	220	<sup>2</sup>	
Dry Beans	148	165	150	91	1,248.5	1,726.9	1,439.7	83
Sugar Beets	41.4	42.0	36.2	86	1,243.4	1,361.1	1,336.8	98
All Hay	3,250	3,250	3,300	102	63,521	64,497	64,379	100
Winter Wheat	1,600	1,520	1,700	112	31,295	29,651	36,491	123
Sunflower - Oil	50	34	38	112	2,060	1,837	1,924	105
- Non-oil	29	11	14	127	495	368	331	90
- All	79	45	52	116	2,555	2,205	2,255	102

<sup>1</sup>Forecasted. <sup>2</sup> Estimates to be released January 2004 in Annual Crop Production Summary.  
Source: USDA NASS Acreage June 30, 2003.

## Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2003, totaled 357 million bushels, down 15 percent from June 1, 2002. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 39 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2003 totaled 16.8 million bushels, down 50 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2003, totaled 2.98 billion bushels, down 17 percent from June 1, 2002. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 602 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2003, totaled 492 million bushels, down 37 percent from a year ago.

### Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2001-2003

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	June 1, 2001	June 1, 2002	June 1, 2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	June 1, 2001	June 1, 2002	June 1, 2003	<u>2003</u> 2002
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Corn								
On Farms	230,000	220,000	165,000	75	2,230,800	2,020,600	1,620,200	80
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	214,500	201,470	192,495	96	1,693,158	1,576,290	1,364,476	87
Total	444,500	421,470	357,495	85	3,923,958	3,596,890	2,984,676	83
All Wheat								
On Farms	3,500	4,500	3,200	71	197,270	216,830	132,110	61
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	34,143	28,679	13,551	47	678,912	560,282	359,611	64
Total	37,643	33,179	16,751	50	876,182	777,112	491,721	63
Soybeans								
On Farms	24,000	14,500	14,500	100	365,000	301,200	272,500	90
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	32,206	39,269	24,108	61	343,180	383,721	329,830	86
Total	56,206	53,769	38,608	72	708,180	684,921	602,330	88
Sorghum								
On Farms	5,100	4,300	2,300	53	19,000	17,300	11,150	64
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	10,885	16,430	12,205	74	57,411	88,178	70,744	80
Total	15,985	20,730	14,505	70	76,411	105,478	81,894	78
Oats								
On Farms	550 <sub>2</sub>	550 <sub>2</sub>	400 <sub>2</sub>	73	32,050	28,650	20,600	72
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>					40,677	34,552	29,201	85
Total	2	2	2		72,727	63,202	49,801	79

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, June 30, 2003.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary June 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Jun 2002 <sup>1</sup>	May 2003 <sup>1</sup>	Jun 15, 2003	Jun 2002 <sup>1</sup>	May 2003 <sup>1</sup>	Jun 15, 2003	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.29	\$ 3.05	\$ 2.93	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.09	32	\$ 9.65
Corn	Bushels	1.97	2.37	2.30	1.97	2.38	2.33	35	6.60
Oats	Bushels	1.88	2.29	2.20	1.95	1.95	1.84	45	4.12
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.26	4.02	3.72	3.83	3.95	3.91	35	11.20
Soybeans	Bushels	4.73	6.04	6.00	4.88	6.07	6.00	42	14.40
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	64.00	77.00	69.00	95.80	99.20	94.60		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	65.00	77.00	69.00	102.00	102.00	98.90		
Other, Baled	Ton	56.00	74.00	65.00	73.20	87.30	79.20		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	20.50	18.10	18.20	27.40	18.50	17.80	35	50.40
Hogs	Cwt.	38.20	43.70	47.20	35.80	41.30	45.20	44	102.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	38.60	44.00	47.50	36.60	41.90	46.00		
Sows	Cwt.	20.70	29.20	30.70	21.00	29.00	29.30		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	64.50	79.20	78.20	64.00	75.50	75.30	47	160.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	65.30	80.30	79.30	66.90	79.50	79.20		
Cows	Cwt.	37.70	42.40	43.00	39.20	42.40	41.30		
Calves	Cwt.	96.50	109.00	110.00	96.50	100.00	102.00	47	215.00
Sheep	Cwt.	21.50	31.00		23.50	31.10			78.90
Lambs	Cwt.	74.00	98.00		72.90	97.50			185.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for June 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, June 27, 2003.

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2003, was 2.95 million head. This was unchanged from June 2002 but 2 percent above March 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 375,000 head, was down 5 percent from June 1, 2002 but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory was 1 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 58.7 million head on June 1, 2003. This was 3 percent below June 1, 2002, but 1 percent above March 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 2002, and slightly below last quarter. Market inventory was 2 percent below last year but 1 percent above last quarter.

### Hogs and Pigs: June 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2002-2003

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
June 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,950	2,950	100	60,288	58,736	97
Breeding	395	375	95	6,209	9,940	96
Market	2,555	2,575	101	54,078	52,796	98
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,050	1,020	97	20,186	19,617	97
60-119 pounds	660	690	105	13,588	13,113	97
120-179 pounds	470	480	102	10,884	10,697	98
180 pounds and over	375	385	103	9,420	9,369	99
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>1</sup>	170	175	103	2,836	2,767	98
March-May	175	175	100	2,943	2,821	96
June-August	165	175 <sup>2</sup>	106	2,887	2,827 <sup>2</sup>	98
September-November	170	175 <sup>2</sup>	103	2,817	2,794 <sup>2</sup>	99
Total Sows Farrowing <sup>3</sup>	680	700	103	11,483	11,210	98
Pig Crop						
December-February <sup>1</sup>	1,496	1,531	102	24,794	24,374	98
March-May	1,575	1,558	99	25,959	25,053	97
June-August	1,485			25,700		
September-November	1,539			24,892		
Total Pig Crop <sup>3</sup>	6,095			101,344		

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

<sup>2</sup> Intentions.

<sup>3</sup> May not add due to rounding.

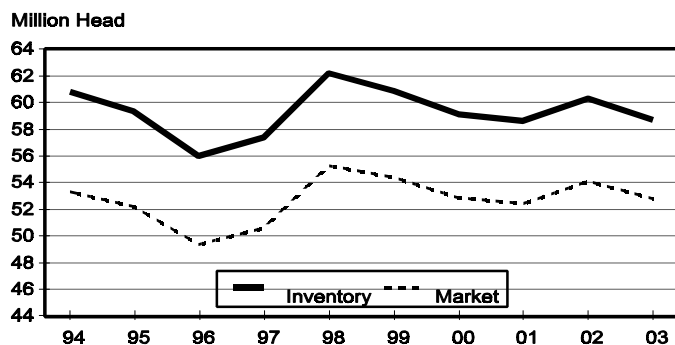
Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, June 27, 2003.

### June 1 Hog Report Highlights

- \* U.S. inventory down 3 percent from June 2002. Expectations of private forecasters averaged 97 percent of the previous year with a range of 96.0 percent to 98.2 percent.
- \* Market hogs were down 2 percent from a year earlier. Private forecasters' expectations ranged from 96.5 percent to 98.5 percent with an average of 97 percent.
- \* Breeding herd was down 4 percent from a year earlier. Expectations of private forecasters ranged from 95.0 percent to 97.9 percent with an average of 96 percent.
- \* U.S. March-May pig crop was down 3 percent from a year earlier. Analysts expected the pig crop to be 97 percent of previous year; estimates ranged from 96.0 percent to 98.0 percent.
- \* June-August intentions are down 2 percent from actual farrowings a year earlier. September-November intentions are down 1 percent from the previous years actual farrowings.

- \* Commercial hog slaughter during March-May at 24.3 million head was 2 percent below a year earlier. Live hog imports were 1.61 million head, up 10 percent from a year earlier. Total exports decreased to 37,000 head, compared to 44,000 a year ago.

### June 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States



## Commercial Livestock Slaughter

May 2003 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. May 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, May 2003 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	May 2003 Percent of	
		May 2002	Apr 2003
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	720.4	105	111
Hogs, head	521.7	92	92
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	639.4	100	107
United States			
Cattle, head	3,248.4	103	110
Calves, head	76.3	98	96
Hogs, head	7,809.4	94	94
Sheep & Lambs, head	221.9	78	75
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	3,943.1	98	103

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter June 20, 2003.

## Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, May 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	May 2003 Percent of	
		May 2002	Apr 2003
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	908,415	93	98
Beef	388,067	97	100
Pork	500,778	91	96
Poultry	1,358,658	96	104
Turkey	655,995	113	114
Chicken	696,668	83	95

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage June 20, 2003.

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, May 2003 with Comparisons

Item	2002	2003	2003/2002
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.5	11.8	102
30 States	314.5	311.3	99
United States	335.9	333.7	99
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	255	265	104
30 States	6,844	6,784	99
United States	7,297	7,274	100
Chickens Hatched, May			
United States			
Egg-type	38.8	38.2	99
Broiler	799.3	791.9	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs June 23, 2003.

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